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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants through counsel herewith submit copies of the publications as set forth in the attached form PTO-1449 as follows:

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above-listed references in the examination of this application and list these references of record in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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